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1. Mr. Reynolds and I talked with Frank McCulloch, Assistant to Senator Douglas (D., Ill.) regarding the case of [redacted] a rejected job applicant. Mr. Reynolds pointed out that the job for which [redacted] was an applicant was filled by someone considered to be of better calibre, and that [redacted] family background, as well as his own background at the [redacted] made him a borderline case from an administrative point of view and that therefore he had finally been rejected. Mr. McCulloch asked us if we could furnish them with a letter stating that we had found a better qualified candidate for the job in question and that [redacted] rejection did not involve any question of loyalty. He felt that this would ease the situation materially in aiding [redacted] to get other employment. Mr. McCulloch pointed out that neither he nor the Senator ever desired to pressure agencies and CIA in particular for positions, and that therefore they forwarded such correspondence normally by buckslip. If the case ever involves someone concerning whom they had particularly favorable knowledge or felt particularly qualified, they would probably telephone or write a personal letter.

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2. I discussed with Mr. Spencer Platt, of the Bureau of the Budget, the question of an executive pay raise in general and pay increases for senior CIA officials in particular in view of the passage by the Congress of the Congressional pay bill which also raised the salaries of the Assistant Attorney Generals to \$20,000 a year. (See Memorandum for the Record dated 3 March).

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